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House Bill No. 5699
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedules "A" and "B"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
June 2, 2001

**AN ACT REQUIRING AN EMPLOYEE CERTIFIED IN
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AT CHILD DAY CARE
CENTERS AND CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF SUNSCREEN
AT CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS AND GROUP DAY CARE HOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-79 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
4 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to [further] carry out the
5 purposes of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,
6 inclusive, and to assure that child day care centers and group day care
7 homes shall meet the health, educational and social needs of children
8 utilizing such child day care centers and group day care homes. Such
9 regulations shall (1) specify that before being permitted to attend any
10 child day care center or group day care home, each child [must] shall
11 be protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization against
12 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella,
13 hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the

14 schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f,
15 including appropriate exemptions for children for whom such
16 immunization is medically contraindicated and for children whose
17 parents object to such immunization on religious grounds, (2) specify
18 conditions under which child day care center directors and teachers
19 and group day care home providers may administer tests to monitor
20 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
21 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs
22 specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving
23 child day care services at such child day care center or group day care
24 home pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to practice
25 medicine or a dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this or
26 another state, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to
27 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant
28 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written
29 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an
30 operator of a child day care center or group day care home, licensed
31 before January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives a license after
32 January 1, 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall
33 provide a minimum of thirty square feet per child of total indoor
34 usable space, free of furniture except that needed for the children's
35 purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens,
36 halls, isolation room or other rooms used for purposes other than the
37 activities of the children, [and] (4) specify that a child day care center
38 or group day care home licensed after January 1, 1986, shall provide
39 thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor usable space, and (5)
40 specify that, not later than October 1, 2002, each child day care center
41 shall have an employee who is certified in cardiopulmonary
42 resuscitation by the American Red Cross or the American Heart
43 Association on the premises at all times when child care is being
44 provided.

45 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) As used in this section, "child day care center" and
46 "group day care home" shall have the same meanings, respectively, as
47 provided in subsection (a) of section 19a-77 of the general statutes.

48 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
49 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the application
50 of sunscreen at child day care centers and group day care homes.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Potential Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Public Health

Municipal Impact: Potential Minimal Cost

Explanation

State and Municipal Impact:

It is anticipated that any resulting state or local costs associated with requiring certification of child day care center staff in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be minimal and can be absorbed within normally budgeted resources. (It should be noted that private providers operate most day care programs serving state or municipal agencies.)

Training courses can cost up to \$40 per person. Infant/Child CPR certification granted through the American Red Cross is valid for twelve months. The American Heart Association's certification is valid for twenty-four months.

The Department of Public Health will incur no additional costs as a result of passage of this bill.

House "A" requires the Department of Public Health to adopt regulations for the application of sunscreen at child day care centers and group day care homes. This can be accommodated within the agency's normally budgeted resources.

House "B" postpones the CPR training mandate until October 1, 2002. This delays the potential minimal cost to state or municipally operated day care centers by one year.

OLR Amended Bill Analysis

HB 5699 (as amended by House "A" and "B")*

***AN ACT REQUIRING AN EMPLOYEE CERTIFIED IN
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AT CHILD DAY CARE
CENTERS.***

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Department of Public Health's (DPH) regulations governing child day care centers (those caring for 13 or more children) to require centers, by October 1, 2002, to have an employee certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the premises whenever they are providing childcare. The certification can be by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

The bill also requires DPH to adopt regulations for the application of sunscreen at day care centers and group day care homes (those caring for seven to 12 children).

Current DPH regulations require centers, during all operating hours, to have at least one person present who has had at least six hours of training in first aid and communicable disease and accident prevention. The first aid training must include management of respiratory distress, seizures, and loss of consciousness. The regulations prohibit center or group home staff from administering medication without a written order from someone with prescriptive authority and the parent's written permission. This prohibition does not include nonprescription topical medications, which the regulations limit to diaper changing ointments, medicated powders, and teething medication.

*House Amendment "A" requires the sunscreen regulations.

*House Amendment "B" makes the requirement for CPR training applicable beginning October 1, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The House referred this bill (File 304) to the Human Services Committee on April 24. The committee reported it favorably on April 25, without change.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 24 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 0